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In re Application of: CHENG, T. et al.

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Title: DEVICE FOR DETECTING A PARAMETER ASSOCIATED WITH THE
STATE OF A VEHICLE, ESPECIALLY AN AUTOMOBILE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademark
Washington, DC 20231

January 16, 2001

Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application by making the following
changes to the claims before the serial number is established as set forth below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 and 2" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 to 3" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 to 4" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of Claims 1 to 5" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 11, lines 3 and 4, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Respectfully submitted,

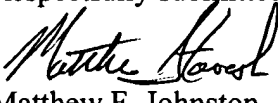
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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The *Agrobacterium* strains were grown in YEA medium for 24 h at 28 °C. The cell concentration was adjusted to 10⁸ cells/ml. The cells were then mixed with the plant tissue and the transformation efficiency was determined. The results are shown as the mean ± SD of three independent experiments.